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July 1, 1954, issue:

"What has happened in Guatemala is as sharp and vivid an example of 'Yankee Imperialism' as Latin America has seen in many years...

"Outside of a few opportunistic dictators who look for personal gain, this whole episode is not popular with Latin Americans. To them it is the same old Yankee Imperialism that antagonized and embittered them for so many years. Roosevelt's 'good neighbor' policy did a lot to heal old wounds, but with the Guatemalan situation we have not only reopened these sores but have rubbed salt in them."

July 22, 1954, issue:

"The color issue is major in the fight against colonialism. The imperialist nations who walked in and gobbled up rich areas in Asia, Africa and the Pacific were white.... No wonder, then, that a white skin is synonymous with oppression.

"We in America had the power to change this. At the end of World War II, when America emerged as the world's strongest nation and as the champion of democracy, we could have minimized the color issue by backing the aspirations of these exploited non-white peoples and helping them get independence.

"But a nation which permits discrimination and terror and allows its own non-white citizens to live in an inferior status could not logically champion non-whites elsewhere. So we went to the aid of the oppressor, giving money and munitions to the dying empires of France and England and Holland. Today we are up to our necks in imperialism."

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THE HONOLULU DIVISION

At Honolulu, T. H., will continue to follow and report the activities of subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT G. KUNKEL dated 3/25/54, Honolulu, T. H.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT HONOLULU

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REPORT MADE AT HONOLULU, T. H.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/5/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/28; 10/1/54	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT G. KUMMEL fm
TITLE FRANK MARSHALL TAVES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to be President of the HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COUNCIL, an affiliate of the CIVIL RIGHTS COUNCILS, which along with its affiliates has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Subject continues to write a weekly column entitled "Frank-ly Speaking" for the weekly Communist-line "Honolulu Record". Informant advised subject's column closely follows the current Communist Party line.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, T. H.

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I. BACKGROUND

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Confidential Informant of known reliability, verified the following background information on the subject on September 20, 1954:

A. Residence: c/o Hauula Post Office, Oahu, T. H. House is located between Kaliuwa and Punaluu, Oahu, about 100 feet beyond the turn to Sacred Falls and is the third house from the Chin Tong Sing Store on the beach side of the road toward Hauula.

B. Employment: Owner, Oahu Papers, 867 Ahua Street, Honolulu, and Columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Limited, 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu, T. H. The latter company has

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TO : Director, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: February 8, 1955

FROM : SAC (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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OO: Honolulu

Re Sec. A.; SAC Letter 55-8.

Subject is tabbed for DETCOM.

DAVIS, a negro, was born at Arkansas City, Kansas 12/31/05. He has a college education and worked as a reporter in Chicago, Illinois, before coming to Hawaii in 1948. DAVIS owns Oahu Papers, a small company in Honolulu handling paper supplies. He is married to a white person and has two children. DAVIS resides near Hauula, Oahu, T. H. He is apparently in good health.

In 1945 subject was in the Dorie Miller Club of the Communist Party in Chicago. In the same year he was a member of the Carver Second Ward West, Communist Political Association in Chicago. Informants have reported that DAVIS attended meeting of Carver CP Club in 1946 and was present at May Day Rally in 1947 sponsored by CP. While in Chicago subject was a member of the Board of Directors of Chicago Civil Liberties Committee.

DAVIS came to Hawaii in 1948 and was soon affiliated with Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. Since 1953 he has been president of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress. DAVIS is a columnist for the Communist line "Honolulu Record" and his writings consistently defend Communists and attacks capitalism. From 1950 until at least 1952 DAVIS was a member of CP in Honolulu. There is no indication that DAVIS has defected from the CP.

A review of instant file has been made, and it is recommended that DAVIS remain on the Security Index list.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-329955)

DATE: February 23, 1955

FROM : SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

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OO: Honolulu.

Re SAC Letter #55-12 concerning DETCOM.

DAVIS is tabbed for DETCOM in this office.

By letter dated February 8, 1955, this office recommended subject remain on the Security Index list. Based upon the facts set forth in that letter, it recommended DAVIS be continued to be tabbed for DETCOM.

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SECURITY INDEX SURVEY - HONOLULU OFFICE

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Honolulu File #100-5082
Bureau File #100-328955

INSPECTOR REPORT:

BASIS: Subject was a member of the Communist Party from 1945 to 1952. Member Board of Directors, Civil Liberties Committee, in Chicago. Subject moved to Honolulu in 1948 and was soon affiliated with the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee. Since 1953 he has been President of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress. He is a Columnist for the "Honolulu Record".

RECOMMENDATION: There is no basis for recommending subject be removed from the Security Index.

SAC WILLIAMS: I have reviewed the file on this subject as well as the above write-up and I agree with the recommendation.

This subject has been considered for DETCOM in accordance with SAC Letter 55-12. On February 23, 1955, I recommended DAVIS be tabbed for DETCOM.

There is no reason to change the above recommendation. He was tabbed for Detcom on November 28, 1949, and should be continued.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-328955)

FROM : SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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(OO - HONOLULU)

DATE: May 13, 1955

SECURITY INDEX REVIEW

Card U.T.D.

Reference: SAC Let 55-12, dated 4/12/55.

Succinct Resume of Case: Subject is a Key Figure in the Honolulu Division.

Subject was a member of the Communist Party from 1945 to at least June, 1952. He was active in the American Youth For Democracy, Civil Rights Congress, and the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago, Illinois prior to coming to Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1948. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Committee in 1947.

In 1948 he became affiliated with the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee and has continued active in its successor, the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, both organizations designated by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He was president of the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress in 1953, and is presently a member of its Board of Directors, as well as taking an active part in what few functions or activities it has.

Subject is a columnist for the weekly "Honolulu Record" newspaper, publicly identified as a Communist organized, controlled and dominated publication.

Recommendation: Retain on Security Index.

Subject has been identified as a member of the Communist Party of Hawaii within the past five years. He is presently active in a CP front group, this activity being in a leadership capacity. He is a Key Figure in the Honolulu Division. For these reasons he is being recommended for retention on the Security Index.

This recommendation is based on information received from reliable informants.

Detcom Tabbing: Subject is currently tabbed for Detcom.

Subject was considered for Detcom under SAC Let 55-12, dated 2/10/55, and was recommended for such tabbing. A card has been received from the Bureau bearing the stamp "DETCOM" in large red letters.

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SECURITY INDEX SURVEY - HONOLULU OFFICE

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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INSPECTOR NUGENT:

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Let to Bureau

Re: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Subject is a Key Figure in the Honolulu Division. He has been an active leader in the Communist Party and the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress. It is recommended that subject be tabbed for Detcom.

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FOOTNOTES ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT HONOLULU, T.H.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/26/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/9-13,16/55	REPORT MADE BY LEO S. BRENNISEN pap
TITLE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DAVIS continues to reside Hauula, Oahu, and operates Oahu Papers at Honolulu, T. H. Subject, as president, attended 6 executive board meetings of Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, designated by AG pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Also writes weekly column "Frank-ly Speaking" for Communist line "Honolulu Record." Informant advises this column has criticized U.S. foreign policy, "Thought Police", government informers and BROWNELL-BUTLER act. Subject named as one of the sponsors of National Conference to Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans which was scheduled to be held New York, Dec., 1954.

DETAILS:

AT HONOLULU, T. H.

I. BACKGROUND

Confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported the following background information on May 13, 1955:

A. Residence

DAVIS continues to reside at Hauula, Oahu on the windward side of the island. His mailing address is c/o Hauula Post Office.

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B. Employment

Subject is owner of and operates the Oahu Papers, a stationery and paper company at 867 Ahua Street, Honolulu, T.H. In addition, [] reported that subject continues as a columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Limited, 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu, T. H., and the weekly "Honolulu Record" continues to carry his column "Frank-ly Speaking."

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In March of 1953 the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record," its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel, led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii. On May 24, 1954, confidential informant [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that there had been no significant change in the ownership or editorial policy of the aforementioned paper during the last year.

II. FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

A. Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC)

On May 13, 1955, ROBERT MC BURNEY KEMPA of Kailua, Oahu, stated the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress. The Civil Rights Congress, along with its affiliates, has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. ✓

On May 13, 1955, confidential informant [] explained that during the last year the only meetings of the HCRC had been small executive board gatherings. Informant stated that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS remains as president of the HCRC and regularly attended those executive board meetings.

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On September 22, 1954, [] reported that DAVIS had been among three executive board members present at an HCRC meeting in Honolulu on September 13, 1954. At that meeting subject consented to consult the Honolulu law firm of BOUSLOG-SYMONDS regarding possible government prosecution of the organization. On October 13, 1954, [] further reported that DAVIS had been present at an HCRC meeting the previous night in Honolulu attended by four executive board members. Subject reported to the group that [] was of the opinion that new

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legislation aimed at the Communist Party and Communist Party front groups did not have much teeth and in many respects was in conflict with the Smith Act of 1940.

On December 13, 1954, confidential informant [] verified subject's presence at an HCRC meeting of December 9, 1954 in Honolulu attended by four executive board members. According to informant, the actual business session of the meeting was very short and a letter received from the Civil Rights Congress requesting that a letter of protest be sent to the Attorney General concerning further prosecution of [] a convicted New York Smith Act defendant, was read. On January 26, 1955, informant further reported that subject had been in attendance at an executive board meeting of the HCRC attended by four individuals the previous night. During the course of the meeting plans were made to issue an HCRC bulletin and subject agreed to write an article on the [] case and government prosecution of a Negro charged with membership in the Party.

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On February 17, 1955, [] reported DAVIS in attendance at an HCRC meeting in Honolulu on February 15, 1955 with three other executive board members.

On May 13, 1955, informant further reported that subject had been present at an HCRC meeting held in Honolulu on May 10, 1955 and attended by three other executive board members. During the course of the meeting subject discussed government prosecution of two individuals as members of the Communist Party.

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It is noted that on dates previously indicated, [] has also reported that [] had attended all executive board meetings of the HCRC, herein described. [] was identified on November 12, 1953 by [] former Territorial Literature Director of the Communist Party in Hawaii and presently a resident of Kailua, Oahu, as being a member of the Communist Party in 1952.

On March 21, 1955, confidential informant [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the HCRC bulletin recently pressed had been printed at the "Honolulu Record." Informant stated that one of the three articles contained in the bulletin had been written by subject.

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B. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On October 21, 1954 the New York Division of the FBI was in receipt of a news release issued by the above mentioned organization. The release had been forwarded to the New York office by [redacted] of the "New Yorker Staats-Zeitung and Herald." The release had been received by that paper on October 20, 1954. The news release announced a National Conference To Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans to be held December 11 and 12, 1954 at the Yugoslav-American Hall in New York City. The release related that 95 prominent Americans were sponsoring the Conference. Among the announced list of sponsors was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS - Hawaii. It is noted that on May 16, 1955 confidential informant [redacted] pointed out that subject, in his column "Frank-ly Speaking" of November 4, 1954, had stated "Will the newly elected Congress meeting next January have the courage to check our nightmarish rush toward Fascism?.....The situation is so serious and so obviously in need of correcting that a National Conference To Defend the Rights of Foreign Born Americans has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 11-12, at Yugoslav-American Hall in New York. Delegates will meet from all over American to study the problem and lay plans for a concerted move to challenge these repressive sections of the WALTER-MC CARRAN Act when the new Congress meets."

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C. "Honolulu Record"

The "Honolulu Record" has been previously described in this report. It is also noted that [redacted] on May 13, 1955, reported that DAVIS continues as a weekly columnist in this paper.

On May 16, 1955, [redacted] stated that after reviewing the weekly issues of the "Honolulu Record" from August 12, 1954 through March 31, 1955, he was of the opinion that DAVIS' column "Frank-ly Speaking" continues to follow the Communist Party line as set forth by known Party publications such as the "Daily Worker" and "Political Affairs." [redacted] noted in particular the following excerpts from DAVIS' column in the "Honolulu Record" on the dates indicated, to back up his opinion:

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August 19, 1954

"Such is the status of civil liberties as our nation adopts more and more police state methods in the summer of 1954:....As Rep. Javits told the house recently, the lunatic fringe on the right wing is having a field day while Congress and the American people devote their attention to suppressing those designated as Reds."

September 9, 1954 (In discussing BROWNELL-BUTLER Act)

"In other words, anybody who has ever spoken out for civil rights or peace or backed a labor union could be jailed. Practically all trade union leaders, even those of the most conservative elements of the AFL, can be gathered in by the new dragnet.

"Undoubtedly it will be used mainly against those who dare differ basically with Washington policies--provided the intended victim has little power and backing. Virtually any person who will not be intimidated into silence by the mere presence of the law is a potential victim of its penalties."

September 23, 1954

"More insistent grow the voices demanding that Washington come down to earth and adopt a realistic foreign policy that will bring peace instead of war and win us friends instead of creating new enemies.

"Not everybody accepts the theory, held by many influential Americans, that the socialist and capitalist nations cannot exist together. Instead, the idea is steadily taking hold that unless Russia and her allies can find a way of living peacefully together in this day of the hydrogen bomb, most of us will die. If it must be war to the death between us and the Soviets, look for few survivors."

October 7, 1954

"If Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell can spare a minute from hunting Communists, I'd like to have him take a look at the Trumbull Park case in Chicago, where for more than a year there has been a continuing interracial housing clash.

"The victims in all three cases have this in common: they seek to end racism and have gotten into trouble with authorities in a nation which talks democracy but too often acts White Supremacy. In many circles, that is enough to draw the label of 'communist' and make it stick. But just the same I'd like Brownell to study the facts."

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October 14, 1954

"Never before in our history has the paid informer been clothed with the respectability that he wears today. In the past he has been looked down upon with loathing and contempt as a crawling thing unfit for the company of decent men.

"Today, in this period of hysteria, the paid informer is the cornerstone on which the government builds its Smith Act and similar cases. What's more, many of these informers have their choice of parroting in court what the prosecution wants said or else going to jail for a wide range of old crimes. Rather than pay the penalties for their own misdeeds, they help send others to jail for their thoughts."

December 23, 1954

"We have deteriorated into a land of moral weaklings. Our collective conscience is flabby as a jellyfish. Somehow during the past 10 years we have lost the ability to do something because it is proper; instead we do it primarily to silence Communist criticism.

"Is it mere coincidence that these changes have come about during a period when the U. S. and the Soviet Union were locked in a bitter struggle for ideological supremacy? Did it just happen that the darker citizens of America have been granted more democracy at a time when Washington was busy wooing support from the darker peoples of Asia, Africa and the Pacific who were fully aware of our long established policy of white supremacy?

"I am thankful that these changes have been made. But I would be even more thankful if the powers that be had decided to start breaking the color barriers because it was the right thing to do in a democracy, and not for the negative purpose of counteracting Communist propaganda."

January 13, 1955

"I do not like the changes painted into the face of my Uncle Sam by the thought police in Washington.

"For years I have seen the face of my Uncle Sam as bewhiskered and strong but kindly.

"But today my Uncle Sam is not merely forgetful. The thought police in Washington have added vindictiveness to his face. And that I do not like.

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"This transition has taken place since the death of Roosevelt, when the powers that be decided we should all think as Washington directed or pay the penalty.

"Those persons singled out as 'disloyal' because they once belonged to or are known to have supported organizations arbitrarily listed by the attorney general as 'subversive' are not only fired from their government jobs but are hounded when they try to seek private employment. That is plain vindictiveness."

January 20, 1955

"I see by the paper that the U. S. Navy is up to its usual tricks and planned to give 400 Negro crewmen of the carrier Midway a lesson in South African racism when the vessel arrived there early this week.

"Integration is now the official policy of the U. S. Armed Forces. Segregation is a thing of the past. It says so in directives issued from the Pentagon. But in actual practice, it is something else again."

February 10, 1955

"Are we drawing near to a period of sanity and decency in which that modern Judas, the informer, will no longer be a hero but will again take his place with the rats from whence he sprang?

"This, it seems to me, is a natural question following the confession of Harvey Matusow that he deliberately lied to the thought police in the case of the 13 Communists in New York and before congressional committees.

"This blot has now become so large it can no longer be hid. A few more exposes and the Justice Department will be forced against its will to investigate the whole slimy breed in an effort to regain prestige with the American people."

March 10, 1955

"By what divine right does the Eisenhower administration set itself up, as a super agency not subject to the controls and laws of the Federal Constitution which regulate the lives of the rest of us mere mortals under the Stars and Stripes?

"Who gave the Justice Department authority to determine when the basic laws of the land will be observed and when they will be ignored?

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"I think that you and I have a right to straight answers to these questions.

"They became a matter of primary importance last week when the Justice Department filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court opposing legal action by a former government worker, ousted for security reasons, who demanded that he be allowed to cross-examine his accusers.

"I shall not dwell upon the moral depravity of a government which willingly hides and protects anonymous informers who can, often for spite, wreck the very lives of accused persons who may never learn who accused them or of what they are accused."

March 31, 1955

"Everybody who still believes in the Bill of Rights should thank the ILWU for that recent hour-long broadcast of 'The Investigator.' It was a warming breeze on a cold dark day of witch-hunts. It is improbable that many of us in Hawaii would have heard this brilliant and timely satire had it not been for the ILWU."

Confidential informant [] pointed out that REUBEN SHIP, a Canadian, is the author of "The Investigator." Informant explained that SHIP has been ordered deported from the United States.

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[REDACTED]	"Frank-ly Speaking"	5/16/55	Orally to L.S.BRENNEISEN	Original source this report
[REDACTED] (requested identity be kept confidential)	Document Honolulu Record	5/24/54		
[REDACTED]	HCRC Bulletin	3/21/55	Orally to RICHARD C.CRANE	100-4905-1131

Copy of New York letter, 11/19/54, re American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born filed 100-5082-414.

Copies of "Honolulu Record" filed chronologically 100-5013-1B6

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Subject is a Key Figure of this office. His SI card is current.

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THE HONOLULU DIVISION:

AT HONOLULU, T. H.:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT G. KUNKEL, 10/5/54, at Honolulu.

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TITLE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DAVIS continues to reside Hauula, Oahu, T. H. and operates Oahu Papers in Honolulu, T. H. Subject still has weekly column with Communist-line "Honolulu Record." DAVIS is president HCRC, affiliate of Civil Rights Congress, but organization now almost inactive. In 1955 DAVIS was one of the sponsors of "Initiators of Petition to Uphold Justice," connected with Civil Rights Congress, and in 1965 signed letter to Congress for repeal of "Walter-McCarran Law."

DETAILS:

AT OAHU, T. H.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On November 22, 1955, [redacted] Hauula, Oahu, T.H., reported that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, his wife [redacted] and their three children continue to reside next door to her in that small town on the windward side of Oahu.

B. Employment

On November 7, 1955, Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that DAVIS is the owner and still operates the Oahu Papers, a stationery and paper company at 867 Ahua Street,

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Honolulu, T.H. In addition, informant reported DAVIS continues as a columnist for the Honolulu Record Publishing Co., Ltd., 811 Sheridan Street, Honolulu, T.H. and the weekly "Honolulu Record" continues to carry his column "Frank-ly Speaking."

In March of 1953 the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

On May 28, 1955, [redacted] Executive, Territorial Subversive Activities Commission of Hawaii, reported there have been no significant changes in the ownership or editorial policy of the above-described newspaper during the last two years.

II. FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

A. Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC) and Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

On May 13, 1955, [redacted] stated that the HCRC is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC). The CRC, along with its affiliates, has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On July 27, 1955, Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that the HCRC had held a meeting of the Executive Board of the organization at the Golden Duck Restaurant in Honolulu July 26, 1955. According to informant, DAVIS was one of the four persons present. At the meeting it was agreed to discontinue gatherings until the end of September, 1955, and in the meantime to observe what happens on the international plane and also decision reached on the local Smith Act cases and other Smith Act cases. Informant stated that the Executive Board agreed that after an interval of a few months their judgment may be then exercised about what to do with the HCRC.

On November 7, 1955, Confidential Informant [redacted] related that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS continues as president of the HCRC but the organization is almost inactive and has not called another meeting of the Executive Board since July 26, 1955. Informant reported that there had been only one meeting of the Executive Board of the HCRC since June of 1955 and no general membership meetings have been held for almost two years.

On January 26, 1955, Confidential Informant [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the National Civil Rights Congress had agreed to give its full support to the campaign for signatures to a petition against the Government's use of paid informers. The "Chapter Bulletin" of the CRC dated December 15, 1954, reads: "This petition campaign is both initiated and sponsored by an independent group of prominent individuals. National CRC welcomes the opportunity to associate itself with this initiative on such an important issue...."

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On February 2, 1955, [] reported that wide distribution had been given to a mimeographed letter dated January 20, 1955, captioned "Initiators of the Petition to Uphold Justice." According to [] the letter accompanying the petition indicates that the petition campaign is initiated and sponsored by an independent group of prominent individuals. Page 4 of the same circular lists the "Sponsors of the Petition." Among those names was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Hawaii.

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On July 18, 1955, Confidential Informant [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the mailing list files for the Civil Rights Congress - Lightfoot Defense Committee offices in Chicago, Ill. lists the names of [] and [] T. H. []

B. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

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The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Lamp," March-April 1955, No. 88, published by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, carries on page 1, col. 1, an article entitled "One-hundred Prominent Americans Sign Open Letter to Congress." The article goes on to state that the signers urge public hearings on all legislation pending before Congress to revise or repeal the Walter-McCarran Law. Among the list of signers was a FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

C. Miscellaneous

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On November 25, 1955, Confidential Informant [] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is a former member of the Communist Party in Honolulu, reported that he knows of no current CP activity on the part of FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS other than his writing for the "Honolulu Record." Informant pointed out that during the last six months the column written by

DAVIS in the "Honolulu Record" had often featured subject matter on race prejudice.

On November 23, 1956, [redacted] Executive, Territorial Commission on Subversive Activities of Hawaii, pointed out that subject's column "Frankly Speaking" during the last six months had been mainly devoted to attacks on race prejudice, laws against mixed marriages, alleged perjury by Government witnesses, the McCarran-Walter Act, segregation, and support for recognition to Red China and support of world peace.

In subject's column on June 30, 1956, the following appeared:

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"Give Washington enough time, and maybe we will catch up with reality.

"A few days ago Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas announced in Tokyo that the West should recognize Communist China and give Nationalist China's seat in the United Nations Security Council to some other Asian nation.

"There are two Chinas today," Justice Douglas said in an interview with the United Press. "The thing to do is recognize that fact and work out a settlement with Red China toward her recognition."

"Thus far this idea is not acceptable to the ostrich brains who dictate U.S. foreign policy. They have buried their heads in the sand of wishful thinking and keep telling themselves that the 600,000,000 humans who live in Communist China just simply do not exist. But for some reason, the Chinese won't oblige by disappearing."

It is noted that the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, on page 5 of the November 10, 1954 issue, stated as follows:

"Clearly our country will be in constant danger of some adventures war move in Asia, with all the perils this implies, so long as the Administration maintains its no-negotiation policy toward Peoples China and leaves the nation's security in the hands of militarists hungry for a chance to start a world war."

A further editorial on page 5 of the same Communist newspaper for November 22, 1954, read as follows:

"Recognition of China is a necessary part of living together in a world at peace. Eisenhower rejected Knowland's demand that he break diplomatic relations with Russia. Isn't it logical also to recognize China?"

In the column written by DAVIS on June 23, 1955, entitled "Speaking of People" was as follows:

"Now that world sentiment for peace instead of annihilation by nuclear weapons is forcing the 'summit conference' between the heads of the U. S., France, Great Britain and Russia next month at Geneva, the time has come to drive even harder toward the goal of a warless globe.

"There is no question in my mind that the rising voices of those of us who would prefer to continue living have forced the leaders of these nations to get together and search for methods of ending international tensions."

On the same subject an editorial "Lenin and Peaceful Co-Existence", January 1, 1955, page 3, in "Political Affairs", stated as follows:

"...We Communists should labor with redoubled vigor to bring all of our peace-loving compatriots the most urgent message of our day; sincere and realistic striving for peace must express itself in devotion to the achievement of lasting peaceful co-existence and friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union."

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, self-admitted member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, on October 20, 1952, testified that "Political Affairs" is the official monthly theoretical organ of the Communist Party, USA.

In speaking of the McCarran-Walter Law, the column by DAVIS of July 7, 1955, was as follows:

"There is a distinct possibility that congress may be induced to change the McCarran-Walter Immigration law with its legalized racism and thought control for the foreign born. The opposition to this measure, passed in the full bloom of McCarthyism, has steadily mounted from individuals of all shades of political though."

On the subject of the Geneva Conference, subject's column of July 21, 1955, was as follows:

"Beginning early this year, the Soviets have launched an aggressive policy aimed at ending the cold war. This policy has been so bold and realistic that the bomb-Russia-now fringe in Washington has been forced to go along or else lose valuable friends in the so-called 'free world'."

In speaking of Government witnesses in his column of August 4, 1955, DAVIS writes as follows:

"HARRY BRIDGES has been freed again, this time by the trial judge who stated flatly that he doubted the credibility of government witnesses. This would, of course, suggest that somebody is guilty of perjury. But since perjurers in this case would be on the side of the government, it is folly to believe that action will be taken against them."

On November 22, 1955, [redacted] Hauula, Oahu, T.H., reported that during the last few months the only visitors to the DAVIS home of possible interest that she had noted were [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted] is a convicted Honolulu Smith Act defendant. [redacted] Mala Lana, Honolulu, testified in the Honolulu Smith Act case placing [redacted] in the Communist Party as early as 1938 and from 1945 to 1949. [redacted] testified in February 1953.

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On November 30, 1953, [redacted] identified [redacted] as being a member of the CP as late as 1952.

[redacted] (now [redacted]) was identified by [redacted] of New York City on June 18, 1953, as being a member of the CP in Washington D. C. in 1944.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or description of information	Date Received	Agent to whom furnished	File No. where located
	HCRC ✓	7/27/55 ✓	LEO S. BRENNISEN	100-5082-435
	HCRC and background ✓	11/7/55 ✓	" " " (orally)	Original source: this report
	"Initiators" ✓	1/26/55 ✓	EVERETT K. DEANE	NY 100-80675-
	" " ✓	2/2/55 ✓	" " "	sub. 260
				100-124033-14
	CRC ✓	7/18/55 ✓	GERALD A. PERKINS	
	Lack of CP activity ✓	11/25/55 ✓	LEO S. BRENNISEN	Original source: this report

Copies of "Honolulu Record" filed chronologically in 100-5013-1B6.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and T symbols have been utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Subject is a Key Figure of this office. His Security Index card is current.

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THE HONOLULU DIVISION

At Honolulu, T.H.:

Will continue to follow and report activities of subject and submit next report by May 26, 1956.

REFERENCE: Report LEO S. BRENNISEN dated 5/26/55 at Honolulu.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ROUTING SLIP

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4 12/19/55

To: _____ Date: 12/15/55

☒ Director, FBI

Attention: _____

☐ SAC _____ Title: _____

☐ ASAC _____

☐ Supervisor _____ FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

☐ Agent _____ IS - C

☐ Steno _____ (Honolulu File 100-5082)

☐ Clerk _____

☐ Chief Clerk _____

☐ SE _____ File # Bufile 100-328955

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SUBV. CONTROL

Re 0-17 12/12/55. The information set forth in report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, Honolulu, captioned above, Line 1, Paragraph 2, Page 3, was taken from Paragraph 5, Page 5 of report of SA DONALD P. ADAMS, New York 7/7/55, entitled "INITIATORS OF THE PETITION TO UPHOLD JUSTICE," IS - C, Bufile 100-416825, and was set forth in the Honolulu report as recorded in the New York report. However,

cc New York 100-124033 SAC *John H. Williams*
LSB/an Office Honolulu
(3) *Conrad F. Karr*

a check of the period of investigation for the New York report would indicate that the information was received on 2/2/55 instead of 2/2/54. Honolulu, therefore, is changing Line 1, Paragraph 2, Page 3 of report of 11/28/55 to read "on February 2, 1955". A further change is being made on Page 7 of that report to show the information was received on 2/2/55 instead of 2/2/54. Honolulu copies of the aforementioned New York report have been changed on Page 5 and on the Administrative Page, No. 36, to show this information was received 2/2/55. New York advise if this assumption not correct.

Paragraph 8, Line 1, Page 4 of report of SA LEO S. BRENNER, 11/28/55, should read "adventurous." It is suggested Bureau copies be changed at Washington before distribution.

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TITLE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DAVIS continues to reside Hauula, Oahu, T. H. and operates Oahu Papers in Honolulu, T. H. Subject still has weekly column with Communist-line "Honolulu Record." DAVIS is president HRC, affiliate of Civil Rights Congress, but organization now almost inactive. In 1955 DAVIS was one of the sponsors of "Initiators of Petition to Uphold Justice," connected with Civil Rights Congress, and in 1955 signed letter to Congress for repeal of "Walter-McCarran Law."

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DETAILS:

AT OAHU, T. H.

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ON *5-19-97*

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On November 22, 1955 [redacted] Hauula, Oahu, T.H., reported that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, his wife [redacted] and their three children continue to reside next door to her in that small town on the windward side of Oahu.

B. Employment

On November 7, 1955, Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that DAVIS is the owner and still operates the Oahu Papers, a stationery and paper company at 867 Ahua Street,

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 100-328955

Date: 12/28/55

Subject: Frank Marshall^o Davis

Date Searched: 1/13/54

Found As: Frank^{*} Davis

F.M.^{*} Davis

Frank Marshall^{*} Davis

Frank M.^{*} Davis

Marshall^{*} Davis

SUMMARY

All identical references marked B on search slip

Also Searched As: No further search made

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SI" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. Except where stated otherwise the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name:

FRANK [©]DAVIS
Frank Marshall Davis

FRANK M. [©]DAVIS
MARSHALL [©]DAVIS
F. M. [©]DAVIS

Born:

12/31/05, Arkansas City, Kansas

Description:

Race: Negro
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 230
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black
Complexion: Light Brown

Communist Party No: 1946 CP #47544

Social Security No: 337-16-3458

Addresses:

1923-1924: 1014 North Summit, Arkansas City, Kansas.

1944- : 3559 South Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

1944- : 3507 South Parkway, Chicago.

-1948: 3852 South Lake Park Avenue, Chicago.

1948-1950: 1830 Waiola, Apt. #1, Honolulu, T.H.

1950-1953: Punaluu, Kapaka District, Windward Oahu, T.H., o/o Post Office at Hauula, Oahu, T.H.

Marital Status:

Wife - Thelma B. Davis, born 5/8/03, place not stated. Married on 7/12/31 at Atlanta, Georgia.

Wife - [redacted] a member of the white race. born [redacted] at [redacted] Date of marriage not stated.

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Children:

[redacted] born [redacted]
in [redacted] T.H.

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Education:

9/6/20 to 5/29/23: Arkansas City (Kansas)
High School.

9/17/23 to 5/25/24: Friends University,
Wichita, Kansas.

Sept. 1924 to Feb. 1927 and
Sept. 1929 to June 1930: Kansas State
College Journalism School.

Works Published:

1935: "Black Man's Verse"

1937: "I Am The American Negro"

1948: "47th Street"

Employment:

1931-1934: "Atlanta Daily World"
Negro newspaper, Atlanta, Georgia.

No dates given: Instructor, Northwestern
University, Evanston, Illinois (unverified).

No dates given: Managing Editor, "Gary
American", Gary, Indiana.

-1940: Publicity Director, American
Negro Exposition.

1935-1948: Executive Editor, Associated
Negro Press, Chicago.

1946-1948: Executive Editor, "Chicago Star",
Weekly Inter-racial newspaper, Chicago.

-1948: Secretary, Chicago Star Publishing
Company, Chicago.

1948- : Columnist, the "Honolulu Record",
Honolulu, T.H.

1950- : Owner Oahu Papers, 406 P
Road, Honolulu, T.H.

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Organizational Affiliations:

1931-1953:	CP and CPA
1941	League of American Writers
No dates	National Negro Congress
1944	Negro History Museum Committee
1944	National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation
1944	South Side Cultural Conference or Group
1944-1947	American Youth For Democracy
1944-1948	Abraham Lincoln School
1945	International Workers Order
1945-1947	Chicago Civil Liberties Committee
1947	Southern Conference For Human Welfare
1947	Civil Rights Congress
1948	Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
1949	Hawaii National Association For The Advancement of Colored People
1949-1950	Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee, aka Hawaii Civil Rights Congress
No dates	National Federation For Constitutional Liberties

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The following abbreviations have been used in the preparation of this summary:

ALS.....Abraham Lincoln School, aka. Chicago Workers School
ANP.....Associated Negro Press
AYD.....American Youth For Democracy
CCLC.....Chicago Civil Liberties Committee
CGO.....Chicago, Illinois
CPA.....Communist Political Association
CRC.....Civil Rights Congress
HCLC.....Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee
HCRC.....Hawaii Civil Rights Congress
Hon.....Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii
"HR"....."Honolulu Record"
ILWU.....International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union

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This reference is a booklet published in 1938 by the League of American Writers entitled "Writers Take Sides", in which are set out excerpts from letters about the war in Spain from 418 American authors. On page 18 Frank Marshall Davis is quoted as follows:

".....So for two reasons I am opposed to fascism: because it is contrary to the American principles of freedom and democratic government, and because Negroes would not only suffer the plight of white Americans but would also suffer especial terror aimed at minority groups."

Serial described above
(kept in Publications)
61-7561-2-87
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On 5/24 and 25/1941, the International Labor Defense was active in sponsoring the People's Conference for Legislative Action, held in Springfield, Illinois. Confidential Informant ILD-X made available a delegates list to this conference, which listed Marshall Davis, Hull House, 800 S. Halsted, CGO.

CGO rpt., 9/29/41
Re: International Labor
Defense; IS-C
61-7347-190, p. 23
(40) ✓

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This reference was a pamphlet captioned "4th American Writers Congress", "June 6-8, 1941, New York City", "In Defense of Culture" which stated it was a "Call to the Fourth Congress of the League of American Writers". The name of Frank Marshall Davis appeared in a list of names under the heading "Initial Signers".

Serial described above

61-7554-110X1

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SI 100-7322-37, p. 10

(18)✓

SI 100-7322-23, p. 16

(12)✓

This reference was the Spring 1942 issue of the pamphlet "Equal Justice", On pages 3 to 5 there was set out an undated open letter to Attorney General Francis Biddle which commended him for the actions of the Justice Department "against our enemies". Frank Marshall Davis was listed among the signers of this letter.

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In November 1942, plans were made to call a "writers" conference in February 1943, sponsored by the League of American Writers. The name of Frank Marshall Davis, a follower of the CP line, appeared among the signers of the "Call" to the conference.

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The reference states this conference failed to materialize.

Los Angeles rpt., 9/9/43
Re: League of American Writers;
IS-C
100-7322-52
(18)✓

The 2/27/43 issue of "The Chicago Defender" carried an article on page 1 (caption not given) which stated that over 100 colored and white citizens had organized the Association for Tolerance in America. Frank Marshall Davis was named as one of the "outstanding members" of the new group.

Department of Justice memo,
3/15/43
Re: Agitation Among the
American Negroes
100-135-117
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The 3/6/43 issue of the "People's Voice", a weekly Negro newspaper in New York City, carried an article entitled, "All-Out Effort Gets Underway To Undermine Misinformation". The article stated that a new organization "dedicated to the task of eliminating color prejudice thru mass education in tolerance" had come into being "a fortnight ago" under the title of The Association for Tolerance in America. Frank Marshall Davis was named as one of the "outstanding" members of the new group.

Clipping of above article
attached to
New York letter, 3/13/43
Re: People's Voice, Negro
Weekly Newspaper; IS-C
100-51230-29
(21) ✓
SI 100-203899-2
(21) ✓

This reference concerned Thelma B. Davis, the former wife of Frank Marshall Davis, who as of 4/14/43 was not living with Davis, but was employed by the CSC in Washington, D.C.

Other information in this reference was SI
100-361254-1 and 100-328955 serials 1; 2; 6; 8 (MF).

Hon. memo, 9/27/49
Re: Thelma B. Davis;
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121-20753-1 ✓
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In the AYD section of the HCUA report on Communist Front Organizations, it was reported that the April 1944 issue of "Spotlight" magazine named Frank Marshall Davis, on page 19, as a national sponsor of the AYD. Page 566

In the League of American Writers (LAW) section of the above HCUA report, Exhibit 1 was a "Call" to the Fourth Congress of the LAW to be held 6/6 to 8/41 in New York City. Davis was listed as one of the initial signers of the "Call". Page 974

Exhibit 5 in the LAW section set out page 4 of the Summer 1938 issue of the Bulletin of the LAW which named Davis as the "recently elected" Treasurer of the CGO LAW. Page 978

Exhibit 5 in the "New Masses" section entitled "Friends of the New Masses in Chicago Present Their Second Interpretation Please", stated Bruce Minton, Washington Editor of New Masses, would speak on 4/23/43 at the Hamilton Hotel, CGO. Davis was named as a sponsor and one of the "leading figures" who had been invited to the platform to participate in the question and discussion period following Mr. Minton's address. Page 1353

HCUA report 78th Congress
Appendix Part IX, on
Communist Front Organizations
61-7582-1298
(20) ✓

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The 7/30/43 issue of the "Daily Worker", carried an article on page 3, entitled "800 Church, Labor, Civil Heads Urge FDR Act On Race Violence." The article concerned an open letter to President Roosevelt urging him to action to prevent outbreaks of anti-racial violence and listed "noted signatures." The name of Frank Marshall Davis appeared in the list.

44-809-A
(18) ✓

On 9/2/43, Ray Hansborough stated that Frank Davis would stop in at the CP South Side Office on that date to see Hansborough.

CGO-5038
CGO rpt., 11/8/43
Re: CP, USA, District 8;
IS-R
100-3-14-1849
(26) ✓

The 10/10/43 issue of "The Worker", in New York, re-printed an article from the "Ohio State News", Columbus, Ohio, issue date not stated, captioned "A Writer Pays Tribute to Ben Davis" by Frank Marshall Davis, political writer for the Associated Negro Press. In his article Frank Marshall Davis endorsed the running of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. for the New York City Council, called Russia the "strongest and most united nation in Europe", and quoted from the constitution of the CP, USA.

Clipping described above
attached to a photostatic
copy of the report of
Conf. Inft. EB-1, dated
10/10/43, Columbus, Ohio.
100-3-11-334
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On 10/16/43, Frank Marshall Davis attended a party sponsored by the CP Fifth Ward Social Committee, held at 6040 Calumet Avenue, CGO.

Source not identified, but evaluated as usually reliable; *information* as probably true.

MID letter, 10/28/43

~~Re: Communist Activities~~

100-3-14-1832

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In December 1943, [redacted] a CP organizer, requested [redacted] of the International Workers Order, to contact Frank Marshall Davis and others for the purpose of sending telegrams and letters to President and Mrs. Roosevelt protesting the deportation of Mrs. Earl Browder.

CGO-5024

CGO teletype, 12/23/43

Re: CP, USA; IS-C

100-3-14-1937

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SI 100-3-14-2025

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On 12/5/43, Frank Marshall Davis spoke at the first public AYD meeting held at Curtis Hall, Fine Arts Building, CGO. He pled for unity and accused certain Senators, newsmen and newspapers of causing disunity. He discussed inter-racial problems and quoted Attorney General Francis Biddle as stating race riots would probably occur. He encouraged Negroes to be unsatisfied with their present status.

Tesur Fine Arts Building
CGO rpt., 12/23/43

Re: AYD; IS-C

61-777-9-41

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SI 61-777-9-37

(19)✓

SI 100-153679-67

(21)✓(ONI, Confidential)

SI 100-338334-2

(22)✓

SI 100-7660-1862

(11)✓(MID-Confidential)

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On 12/12/43, Frank Marshall Davis attended an AYD meeting held at the Community Art Center, CGO.

~~No source stated~~
MID rpt., 12/16/43 at CGO
~~Re: AYD, CGO~~
61-777-9-42
(19)✓

The 12/19/43 issue of "The Worker" carried an article on page 6 of section 1 entitled, "US-German Union Leaders Hail Tehran". In the article, Frank Marshall Davis, executive director of the ANP, was quoted as viewing the Tehran Conference as "a powerful blow at the fascist abroad and at home." His additional remarks are set out in this reference which is a clipping of the article described above.

100-97-A
(24)✓

On 12/29 or 30/43, William L. Patterson and Frank Marshall Davis discussed the deportation proceedings against Mrs. Earl Browder and Davis agreed to write a letter to President Roosevelt.

CGO-5029
CGO rpt., 1/8/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-195, p. 22
(17)✓

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In the early part of 1944, the AYD invited the ALS to join with them as sponsors of a campaign initiated by the AYD to end the "Jim Crow" policies of the armed forces. At that time Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the ALS Board of Directors and was active in the AYD campaign.

No source given
CGO rpt., 7/8/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-284
(17)✓

Frank Marshall Davis agreed to be a sponsor of an AYD meeting on the "soldier vote", scheduled for 1/6 to 9/44, place not stated.

CGO-5038
CGO letter, 1/3/44
Re: CP, USA, District 8;
IS-R
100-3-14-1974
(10)✓

On 1/9/44, Frank Marshall Davis was one of the sponsors of the "Emergency Conference for Federal Servicemen's Vote Bill", conducted by the AYD, and held at the Central YMCA in CGO. In his speech at the conference, Davis described a law adopted by the Georgia Legislature which barred colored persons in the service from "exercising the franchise", as being as effective as the poll tax.

(MF). Additional information SI to 100-328955-1, p. 4
(No source given)

Memorandum captioned
AYD attached to
CGO letter, 1/29/44
Re: Quarterly Intelligence
Summary, Internal Security
Quarterly Report
100-3-14-2033, p. 76, 77
(10)✓

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SI 100-235482-4
-16- (21)✓(CGO-5038)

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On 1/10/44, [] advised []
[] to contact Frank Marshall Davis to teach William
L. Patterson's class that evening on the outline of Negro
History. Later, however, [] persuaded []
to teach the class. (CGO-5028)

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In early 1944, Mrs. Davidson of the South CGO
Library was gathering writing material for Negro History
Week and was going to contact Davis for assistance in the
project. (CGO-5027)

CGO rpt., 1/24/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-202, p. 3, 21
(17)✓

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The name of Frank Marshall Davis was listed as a sponsor on a letter from the "Daily Worker" dated 12/23/43 which urged attendance at the "Daily Worker" 20th anniversary celebration to be held at Orchestra Hall, CGO, on 1/16/44.

Source not specified,
possibly CGO-77
CGO rpt., 2/5/44
Re: Daily Worker Activities;
IS-C
61-4478-293, p. 16
(9)✓

A list of the National Sponsors of the AYD as of 1/20/44, listed Frank Marshall Davis under the heading "Negro Leaders".

Strictly Confidential
source which advised the
material contained herein
was available at the AYD
Office in Boston, Mass.
Boston rpt., 4/4/44
Re: AYD, formerly known as
the Young Communist League;
IS-C
61-777-5-39, p. 63
(14)✓

On 2/7/44, [redacted] University of
Chicago Student Organization Office, advised that Frank
Marshall Davis was scheduled to speak at a meeting of the
CGO AYD Club on 2/10/44 in the Library of Ida Noyes Hall.

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CGO rpt., 2/18/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-70
(19)✓
SI 100-40218-8
(23)✓(CGO-5027)

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On 2/12/44, Frank Marshall Davis was to speak on "Lincoln and Racial Unity" at a meeting at the home of [redacted] CGO, sponsored by the South Side Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

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Folder announcing above meeting attached to and reported in CGO rpt., 4/26/44
Re: Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; IS-C
100-7061-542, p. 16
(11)✓

[redacted] suggested to [redacted] that Frank Marshall Davis be sent an invitation to the ALS anniversary party to take place on 2/13/44, place not stated.

CGO-5029
CGO rpt., 2/18/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-209, p. 19
(17)✓

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On 2/13/44, Frank Marshall Davis was scheduled to give a short speech on National Negro History Week, at the ALS anniversary party, place not stated.
(CGO-5029)

On 2/10/44, Davis was scheduled to address an AYD meeting at the University of Chicago.
(CGO-5027)

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On 2/12/44, Davis was scheduled to speak at Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee party, place not stated.
(CGO-5028)

CGO rpt., 2/22/44
Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-210, p. 4, 5, 17, 22
(17)✓

[redacted] and [redacted] Midwest President of International Workers Order, obtained Frank Marshall Davis as one of the sponsors of the "Benjamin Davis meeting" on 2/20/44 at the Wendell Phillips High School in CGO.
(CGO-5038)

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On 2/14/44, Davis attended a meeting of the Committee of Plans held to plan the "Negro History" program for 2/20/44 (described above). Davis was in charge of publicity for the meeting. (CGO-90)

(main file) Additional information SI to 100-328955-1, p. 6

CGO rpt., 4/13/44
Re: CP-USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2141, p. 8, 11, 18
(10)✓

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